

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

PROGRAM PROFILE

Goal

Program goal is to repair, modernize, and properly maintain the broad range of facilities owned and operated by APHIS in support of its mission to protect American agriculture. With a total value in excess of \$190 million, these facilities include veterinary laboratories, animal quarantine and holding facilities, quarantine greenhouses, sterile insect rearing and production facilities, plant and soil analysis laboratories, and biological control laboratories. As a public building owner, APHIS is responsible for maintaining these facilities in a good state of repair and complying with Federal, State, and local building codes, the Life Safety Code, the National Fire Code, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

Principal Approach And Methods Used to Achieve Goals

The Management Services Division, Engineering Team has in place procedures and management processes that establish, define, and prioritize projects. Each agency unit requiring design and construction support is involved in establishing the immediate goals for the upcoming fiscal year. In addition, long-range planning for major construction initiatives that require appropriate strategic planning is developed through this process. The APHIS Management Team (MAT) monitors the progress and prioritizes each planned project in the areas of planning, design, construction, utilities, alterations, repairs, and installation of fixed equipment in APHIS-owned or leased buildings and facilities. Each fiscal year, the AMT plans the construction program according to the following priorities: safety; health and environment; mission-essential repairs; repairs and alterations; and new construction.

STATUS OF MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

National Wildlife Research Center Project, Fort Collins, Colorado

In FY 1995, the Animal Research Building was completed and accepted for occupancy. The \$12,000,000 available from the FY 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996 appropriations have all been obligated. The funds were used to partially construct the Animal Research Building (ARB), develop some of the utilities infrastructure, and prepare most of the design documents for the remaining buildings in the NWRC Master Plan. In FY 1998, we reached an agreement with the General Services Administration (GSA) for construction of outdoor animal pens (19 structures) and several associated support buildings (warehouse, bulk chemical storage facility, and garage/maintenance/shop building.) The complex will be financed and constructed by a private party and leased to the NWRC through GSA for a period of 20 years, with two additional 10-year renewals.

Animal Research Building (ARB) Support Wing, Fort Collins, CO

Bid documents were completed in 1996 as part of the larger NWRC project when the need for such a facility was identified, but prior to identification of a funding source. With funds now available, minor design revisions are currently being made due to intervening changes in program requirements.

Bison Quarantine Facility

Construction is on hold until a final decision is made on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS includes seven distinct alternatives that could be implemented by the National Park Service in its management plan for bison in Yellowstone National Park, not all of which include a permanently constructed quarantine facility. The public comment period was open until October 1998. We received over 67,000 comments and are currently analyzing them. A decision by the NPS is not expected until late FY 2000.

National Plant Germplasm Quarantine Center: Phases I and II,

APHIS awarded the construction contract associated with this project in June 1998. Construction is 70

Beltsville, Maryland

percent complete. The estimated construction completion date is May 2000.

National Germplasm Quarantine Center: Phase III, Beltsville, MD

We will utilize the funds (design only) for Phase III to support construction contingencies associated with Phases I and II. We have no plans to pursue Phase III at this time.

Plum Island Animal Disease Center

This modernization project jointly planned between the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and APHIS continues. APHIS transfers the money directly to ARS, which manages the project. \$1.2 million was transferred to ARS in FY 2000.

RESOURCE DATA

	-----Obligations-----	
	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
FY 1996	9,944,818	8,757,000
FY 1997	8,582,976	3,200,000
FY 1998	19,646,691	4,200,000
FY 1999	7,832,108	7,700,000
FY 2000 (est.)	5,599,620	5,200,000
FY 2001 (est.)	7,100,000	5,200,000

